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Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
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**Ancient Coins from the Cervin
Project**

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Please join us Wednesday, February 27, 2008 to hear our youngest member, Daniel Feldman tell us about the ancient coins awarded to him for completing the American Numismatic Association's David Cervin project. You will be amazed by these coins (and also the presenter)!

1101st meeting, Coins of the Samurai *Ken Takahashi!*
(reported by *Herb Miles*)

Ken Takahashi, with the able assistance of spouse Rebecca, gave a delightful presentation on coins of the Samurai, a period of time from 1599 to 1868, also called the Tokugawa Period.

I shall not attempt to summarize his presentation as it was devoted to a complicated and difficult period of time with strange and wondrous coins. However, his model exhibit with modern made copies and the real pieces he exhibited to the membership gave us a glimpse of what the coins were like during this period of time when the "Shogun" or Supreme Generals ruled various castles, regions, and city states.

The coins, oval, rectangular, round and other odd shapes ranged from Obans to Kobans to Bus to Shus to Mons. They consist of gold, silver, copper, brass, and refined iron. Naturally, reading the characters to determine denomination and date is a challenge, but a happy one for Ken who passed around two charts to help us understand some of the simpler shapes and meanings.

Thanks Ken; I am still confused though!

January 2008 Exhibits

Mark brought back things from several shows, FUN & Guadalajara. He exhibited an 1897 stock certificate and a token from the Xico Hacienda. The token is from an earlier era than the stock, but apparently is from the same ranch! Mark also brought a counterfeit Buffalo Nickel with a pretty convincing obverse!

Whalen brought a holed and repaired Gobrecht dollar from 1836 or so; medal alignment, slabbed by ANACS and a nice story to go along with the coin, i.e., Gobrecht's name in the field was considered to noticeable, so in later versions of the coin, it was moved to the base of the Seated Liberty.

Scott, who always brings fabulous, high grade exhibits, brought a no date English Groat of Henry VI (1422-1461), a 1723 English Shilling, both slabbed by NGC, and a beautiful Sierra Leone 20 cent piece!

Jerry exhibited a number of his San Francisco brothel tokens, including a lustrous Parisian Mansion, and several Rose pieces, as well as some others of note.

Steve brought some Canadian Trade Dollars, local issues from Banff, Victoria, and Calgary that have expire dates.

Gordon wore his "rare" PCNS sweatshirt (only 2 in existence), and exhibited his Perth Mint medal, a raffle prize from several years ago, an encased nickel, an elongated cent, and a wooden dollar & nickel

Michael exhibited a reverse die that shows the California State Seal and expressed an interest in collecting the various iterations of the seal on dies, tokens, and medals. His current challenge is to identify which medal the die was used for.

January 2008 Raffle

- 1) Gordon took home a Japanese Coin Book in theme with Ken's presentation. Now he has to learn the language.
- 2) Gordon also won a Vatican 1963 Sede Vacante medal (Papal vacancy medal)
- 3) Rebecca took home a grouping of British World War II military currency
- 4) Whalen won a 1973 Israeli Mint Set

Dues

Don't forget to pay your annual dues, if you haven't already!